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A subscription to The Times makes an acceptable Christmas gift to some former resident of Barre.

Turkey proposes to join the league of nations. Which seems a good deal like proposing to join a secret society before being asked. Still, Turkey might qualify.

Voted by the students of Bowdoin college as the greatest living American, Thomas A. Edison will have to revamp his ideas of the doubtful value of a college education.

Orlando L. Martin's fourth election as master of the Vermont state grange gives him a certain prestige toward his election as speaker of the Vermont House of Representatives, albeit the two organizations are entirely dissociated.

France is said to demand a "free hand" in the German reparations matter. The next thing, will she want to play a lone hand through all the attending results of the exercise of the "free hand"? Or will she loudly call for assistance when the pinch comes?

A new line of thievery came to notice at Brattleboro recently when someone entered a cellar and made off with a hodful or two of anthracite. The white and blue diamonds upstairs have no attraction compared to the black diamonds downstairs nowadays.

A 91-year-old youngster of Lunenburg has just felled an 18-inch apple tree, cut it into logs, wheeled it into the shed and then reduced it to stove length. Any number of 19-year-old men are still doing the arduous work of walking the streets and eating chocolate ice creams.

That beaver family discovered in the Worcester river near Montpelier is a most welcome addition to the animal life of Vermont. The state fish and game department ought to exert every effort to protect the family from destruction or from molestation, for the beaver is a rare specimen in Vermont at the present time.

Governor-elect Redfield Proctor has chosen wisely in the first publicly announced appointment to his official family, for John C. Sherburne of Randolph, who has been appointed secretary of civil and military affairs, has legal training and legislative experience besides being a man who will not be easily blown over, if one is able to judge of him through recent occurrences.

The seasonal warning about the need of care in decorating for the Christmas celebration is as applicable this year as on any other year. Under no condition should lighted candles be placed on Christmas trees or in close proximity to inflammable material. Numerous fatalities to human beings and high money losses heretofore resulting therefrom should cause one to consider the danger and guard against repetition of disasters.

Over on the west side of the state they are having a merry time of it, debating whether prohibition enforcement is a nullity or not. Oddly enough, the natural prohibitionist side is declaring that the law is not enforced, because of the laxity of officials, and the "wet" side is trying to make out a case that the law is being enforced to a certain extent at least. Meanwhile, the handlers of the rum business are probably shaking their sides with laughter while at the same time carrying on "business as usual."

Of all the candidates for speaker of the Vermont House of Representatives, Aaron H. Grout of Newport is making the most public stir through the newspapers, the Newport syndicate and the St. Johnsbury Caledonian having recently delivered broadsides in his behalf. If the candidacy of Frank H. D. Hale of Essex county drops out in the meantime, Grout promises to come down to Montpelier with three counties lined up for him on the first ballot at least, thus making him a considerable factor in the contest.

The St. Albans Messenger correctly points out that even if the state of Vermont should accept the offer of six Montpelier ministers to pray in the legislature, without salary, it is more than probable that toward the end of the session someone would rise with a proposal to pay a gratuity to the volunteer chaplains and the proposal would go through with a rush.



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because few would have the "nerve" to oppose. Therefore, argues the contemporary, why not face the matter at the outset and hire chaplains? The point is well taken.

## HAZING AT NAVAL ACADEMY.

Action by Secretary of the Navy Denby in ordering the dismissal of two midshipmen from the naval academy and the reducing in class standing of three other midshipmen for the prohibited offense of hazing meets with approval of the American people who care for the best good to be done by that institution. Hazing is a form of bolshevism which ought not to have part in life of Americans. It is often directed against somebody who has seen fit to maintain a degree of independence of action according to the best traditions of American spirit of independence; it is sometimes exercised to work out some special grudge against a certain individual; it is frequently resorted to to "take down" some person who is thought to consider himself a little better than his fellows.

Hazing as a punishment for the two former things is wrong in principle, and it is not justified for handing the third condition of affairs. Therefore, the institution of hazing ought to be stamped out. The action of Secretary Denby is to be commended.

## A Happy Solution

Many of the vexatious family financial troubles could be eliminated through the exercise of a little forethought.

For example: every family has certain necessary expenditures to make during the year such as those for clothes, food, taxes, insurance, charity, entertainment, etc.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Not a Believer in Tuberculosis Test.

Editor, Times: Having recently been present with several others at a post-mortem on condemned cows, I want to ask Dr. DeFossett or any of his worthy subordinates a few questions. It so happened that there were in this herd three that were called reactors. The owner, not believing that any of the three showed proper reaction, insisted upon slaughter on the premises. Now, let me say right here that not a trace of tuberculosis was found in the first two. And as to the other, it was thought best not to kill her. Parts were taken from each of the slaughtered animals by the veterinary himself and were sent by the owner to Washington to the bureau of animal industry, and reported back free from tubercle bacilli. Now, is not the owner entitled to full value for these two cows? This case is not an exception, but is happening very often where owner insists on seeing his cattle killed where he can see them.

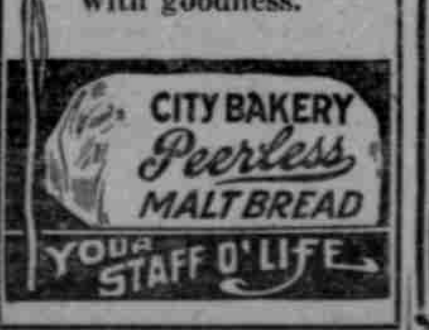
Now, the veterinary who conducted this test made the trip through this entire herd of twenty without once disinfecting his needle used to make the insertion. Is that alone not enough to spread disease?

Each of these condemned animals had passed five or more clean tests. That being the case, what progress are you making to eradicate this disease? Now, during this post-mortem I asked the veterinary if he ever found a case where it affected the milk. The reply was "No; we are not testing to improve the milk, but to eradicate the disease." Now, if that is the case, why does Barre require milk from tested cows only? By any such ordinance I believe you are raising the price of milk without improving the quality. If you get the milk delivered to you as free from bacteria as the cow gives it, you will be better off than to have the cows tested and put up with all other contamination which has been lost sight of in this craze of testing.

Now, then, how long do you expect farmers are going to let this go on—taking their best cows and finding them O. K.—paying whatever you choose to pay for them? In direct contrast to what this veterinary stated, a local veterinary addressed a meeting held in Barre, and tells you how milk has been safe by testing cows with tuberculin. If there were more veterinarians, there would be more theories. How far would you bet in a court with one veterinary making one statement and another contradicting? My idea is that there is more disease and far more danger in the minds of certain of our veterinarians than there can be found in the cows, and the germ is located in their pocketbook.

Let us have a demonstration that will show the facts. Let the state of Vermont buy a herd of accredited cows and slaughter them, and let the taxpayers be represented there and see if these are all clean, or if they are worse than herds that have never been tested.

The most eminent doctor in Canada



tells us that tuberculin is worthless to trace tuberculosis. That man's name is John B. Fraser, of Toronto. He has no axe to grind, but speaks as he knows and believes.

Let us sincerely hope that Governor-elect Proctor will do as he advocates in his campaign literature and cut this appropriation, and cut it to one dollar. F. B. Martin.

## CURRENT COMMENT

## Bootleg Venison in Vermont.

The long and cheerful season of bootleg venison in the hills of Vermont will now set in.—Boston Transcript.

## Vermont's Bird Sanctuary.

Vermont has established a sanctuary for migratory birds on 100 acres of marshland on Lake Champlain. Perhaps the time will come when the value of birds as destroyers of insect pests will be recognized, so that in communities where birds are disappearing measures will be taken for their propagation.—Boston Globe.

## Frank S. Streeter.

In the death of Frank S. Streeter of Concord, N. H., Dartmouth college loses the senior member of its board of trustees, and the one who has undoubtedly given to it of his thought and resources as much, if not more, than any other member of its governing body. He was a man of strong loyalties, of strong likes and dislikes; the college of his youth to a pre-eminent degree became one of his likes; to it he made continuing gifts, as he saw varying needs arise, and to the shaping of its policies, he invariably devoted very serious attention.

Mr. Streeter was one of the foremost lawyers of New Hampshire, if not of New England, figuring in an exceptionally large number of notable cases, particularly those that attracted wide public interest. Vigorous and persistent in the work of his profession as in the other activities of life, he found time to do a surprising amount of solid reading. His library bulged out with the books that, in the various decades of his life, had compelled public attention and so moulded American thinking.

In various forms of public-spirited endeavor, notably in improving the educational system of New Hampshire, Mr. Streeter gave unreservedly of his time and thought. In his death many a cause loses a valiant champion, the

state one of its first citizens, and the college of his early love an untiring friend.—Boston Herald.

## Paid Chaplains.

There is no doubt, of course, that the Montpelier ministers who have offered their services to the state to act as chaplains during the legislative session free of charge are impelled by the highest motives, even if the actual impetus to the move did come from the outside. It is doubtful, however, if the legislature will accept the offer, and the Messenger believes it should be declined. There have been offers of free service in previous years, but neither branch of the general assembly has felt it compatible with its dignity to accept. The chaplaincy is an office dignity and the state has not asked charity in this regard before. The only argument in favor of the plan is that it will save money, but those at all acquainted with legislative procedure know full well that if the offer were accepted some one at the close of the session would introduce a resolution giving a gratuity and it could be voted. There has always been a chaplain as a legislative officer, and the practice should continue as this paper looks at it. And in this connection the Messenger would like to express the belief that in the House the Reverend Mr. Lewis, who served during the 1921 session, is deserving of re-election, while in the Senate the Reverend Mr. Webb would fill the office acceptably to all.—St. Albans Messenger.

## A New Deal.

Mrs. Borden-Lodge—Did you change the table napkins as I told you? Annie (the maid)—Yes'm I shuffled 'em up an' delt 'em so no one gets the same as he had at breakfast.—Washington Star.

## Has He Burned His Books?

"He's in a terrible predicament." "What's the matter?" "The government has started questioning his 1919 income tax return and he can't remember the figures he compiled then."—Detroit Free Press.

## Statues of the Living.

The only possible objection to a public statue of Gen. Pershing is that the commander of the American Expeditionary forces still is alive and in apparent good health. A bad precedent will be established in San Francisco this week when a bronze figure of the commander-in-chief of the American army is unveiled in a city park—a precedent to which he himself, we believe, will object most strenuously.

Gen. Pershing is entitled to almost any honors the American people can

pay him. We do not object to the statue because we think he does not deserve it. But with an example upon which to base their oratory the emotional folks of different American municipalities are apt to go to ridiculous extremes in erecting statues to living men.

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